

In the Specification:

Please insert a new paragraph at **page 8, following line 9, and above line 10**, as follows:

Fig. 3A is a schematic perspective view of an aircraft structural component instead of the housing;

Please amend the paragraph at **page 8, line 19 to page 9, line 8**, as follows:

Figs. 1 to 3 and 3A show a perspective view of a baggage compartment 1 according to the invention, including a baggage bin 2 that is movably supported by support and guide systems 4, 4' relative to a support structure such as a housing 3 or other aircraft structural component 23 rigidly secured to the airframe. Thereby, the baggage bin 2 is raisable into an upper closed stowed position within the housing 3 or relative to the structural component 23, and selectively lowerable into a lower open loading position in which the bin 2 hangs down from the housing 3 or structural component 23 so as to expose and allow access to the front loading opening of the baggage bin 2, as shown in Fig. 1.

Please amend the paragraph at **page 9, line 23 to page 10, line 12**, as follows:

Fig. 3 shows the housing 3 of the baggage compartment as a separate detail, whereby this housing encloses the top and sides of the baggage bin 2 in its upper closed position.

The curved bottom floor shell of the baggage bin 2 forms the exposed bottom surface of the overall baggage compartment. The housing 3 includes side walls 5 and 5', between which the side walls 10 and 10' of the baggage bin 2 are received. All of the side walls are parallel to each other, and there are small lateral spaces between the side walls 10, 10' of the baggage bin 2 and the side walls 5, 5' of the housing 3. Connection points such as mounting holes 8A, 9A or 8A' and 9A' are provided in the side walls 5 and 5', and receive respective guide bolts 8 and 9 or 8' and 9' therein. The side walls 5, 5' are an example of generalized side members of the support structure (such as the housing 3 or other structural component 23), which do not have to be solid side wall members, but instead could be girders or truss members or the like with open spaces therebetween or therethrough.

Please insert a new paragraph at **page 10, following line 12, and above line 13**, as follows:

Fig. 3A, as an alternative to the arrangement of Fig. 3, schematically shows an aircraft structural component 23 with side members 25 and 25' in the form of side walls having mounting holes 28A, 29A, 28A' and 29A' therein. The mounting of the baggage bin 2 to the side members 25 and 25' corresponds to the mounting thereof to the side walls 5 and 5'.

Please amend the paragraph at **page 10, lines 13 to 27**, as follows:

The respective support and guide systems 4 and 4' are arranged between and/or integrated in the side walls 5 and 5' of the housing 3 and the side walls 10 and 10' of the baggage bin 2. The housing 3 is fixed rigidly to an aircraft airframe structure, and the support and guide systems 4 and 4' support and movably connect the lowerable baggage bin 2 with respect to the fixed housing 3. Alternatively, the baggage bin 2 may be movably supported and connected to any other fixed rigid part of the aircraft structure such as the structural component 23, i.e. without a housing 3 per se. The two support and guide systems 4 and 4' respectively have the identical construction, in a mirror-symmetrical arrangement on the two sides of the baggage bin. Therefore, the details of the construction of the support and guide system described below apply equally to both support and guide systems 4 and 4' on opposite sides of the baggage bin 2.

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